

In recognition of the Bulls' historic accomplishment, it is my pleasure to offer this congratulatory resolution, and I urge my colleagues to swiftly approve its passage.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be placed in the RECORD as if read at the appropriate place.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 103) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 103

Whereas the Chicago Bulls at 69-13, posted the second best regular season record in the history of the National Basketball Association;

Whereas the Bulls once again roared through the playoffs, sweeping the Washington Bullets and defeating the Atlanta Hawks in 5 games, before beating the Miami Heat in 5 games to return to the NBA Finals for the second straight year;

Whereas the Bulls displayed a potent offense and stifling defense throughout the playoffs before beating the Utah Jazz to win their second consecutive NBA championship their fifth in the last 7 years;

Whereas head coach Phil Jackson and the entire coaching staff skillfully led the Bulls through a 69-win season and a 15-4 playoff run;

Whereas Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen were again named to the NBA's "All-Defensive First Team", the only 2 players from the same team to be so named, and were each voted to be among the 50 greatest players in NBA history;

Whereas Michael Jordan won his record ninth scoring title, is the sixth leading scorer in NBA history, and was named playoff most valuable player for the fifth time in 5 playoff appearances;

Whereas Scottie Pippen again exhibited his outstanding offensive and defensive versatility, proving himself to be one of the best all-around players in the NBA;

Whereas the quickness, tireless defensive effort, and athleticism of the colorful Dennis Rodman, who won his sixth straight rebounding title, keyed a strong Bulls front line;

Whereas veteran guard Ron Harper, in shutting down many of the league's top point guards throughout the playoffs, demonstrated the defensive skills that have made him a cornerstone of the league's best defense;

Whereas center Luc Longley frustrated many of the all-star caliber centers that he faced in this year's playoffs while at times providing a much needed scoring lift;

Whereas Toni Kukoc, despite injury, displayed his awesome variety of offensive skills in both assisting on, and hitting, several big shots when the Bulls needed them most;

Whereas Steve Kerr, with his laser-like 3-point shooting, sparked many a Bulls rally and hit the championship winning shot in game 6 of the NBA finals;

Whereas the outstanding play of Brian Williams and Jason Caffey, and the tenacious defense of Randy Brown, each of whom came off the bench to provide valuable contributions, were an important part of each Bulls victory;

Whereas Jud Buechler and Robert Parish provided valuable contributions throughout

the season and the playoffs, both on and off the court, at times giving the Bulls the emotional lift they needed; and

Whereas the regular season contributions of injured center Bill Wennington, forward Dickey Simpkins, and rookie Matt Steigenga, both on the court and in practice, again demonstrated the total devotion of Bulls personnel to the team concept that has made the Bulls one of the great sports dynasties of modern times: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates the Chicago Bulls on winning the 1997 National Basketball Association championship.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H. CON. RES. 216

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to confirm the language in H. Con. Res. 216 (104th Congress) providing for a ceremony commemorating the placement of the Portrait Monument in the Capitol rotunda during the 105th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT BY THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic leader, pursuant to Public Law 104-293, appoints James J. Exon, of Nebraska, as a member of the Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99-93, as amended by Public Law 99-151, appoints the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] as a member of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99-93, as amended by Public Law 99-151, appoints the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] as a member of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1997

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 26; I further ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate immediately resume consideration of S. 949, the Tax Fairness Relief Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 949

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I yield back 2 hours and 39 minutes of the time on the bill for the majority side, and on behalf of the ranking minority member, I yield back 3 hours and 54 minutes on the bill for the Democratic side. I do that as a member of the Finance Committee, speaking for the majority.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that with respect to three votes ordered tomorrow morning, that no amendments be in order prior to the previously ordered votes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I also ask unanimous consent that following the ordered votes on Thursday, the Democratic leader be recognized to offer the Democratic alternative, and there be 4 hours of debate to be equally divided in the usual form.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED—S. 947

Mr. GRASSLEY. I further ask consent that S. 947 be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow at 9:30 a.m., the Senate will resume consideration of S. 949, the Tax Relief Act of 1997. By previous consent, at 9:30 a.m. there will be 20 minutes for debate, equally divided between Senator MURKOWSKI and Senator BUMPERS, with a vote occurring in relation to the Bumpers amendment at the expiration of that time.

Following the vote on the Bumpers amendment, there will be 20 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form, with a vote on or in relation to the Dorgan amendment, No. 517, occurring at the expiration of time, to be followed by 10 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form, on the Dorgan motion to refer. The Senate then will proceed to a vote in relation to the Dorgan motion.

In addition, all other amendments offered this evening, and amendments offered during Thursday's session, will be subject to rollcall votes throughout the day as we make progress on the Taxpayer Relief Act. Therefore, Senators can anticipate numerous rollcall votes on Thursday.

As a reminder to all Members, beginning at approximately 9:50 a.m., Thursday morning, the Senate will begin voting on the Bumpers amendment and the two aforementioned Dorgan amendments.